

On the Air

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Mark your calendars and make your plans to attend the 2006 CORSA International Convention in Buffalo, NY, July 25 - 29

Get set to shuffle off to Buffalo Niagara.

The 2006 CORSA International Convention is scheduled for July 25 - 29, in Buffalo, New York.

Marketed with the slogan, "Shuffle off to Buffalo Niagara," this year's convention takes Corvair enthusiasts to a locale that once was known as the Honeymoon Capital of the United States—the Niagara Falls region of northwestern New York.

More importantly, however, the 2006 CORSA International Convention brings the Corvair back to its corporate home.

Buffalo was the original home of the Chevrolet Corporation in the early days of General Motors. Both the original assembly plant, now American Axle, and the original engine plant, now the Tonawanda GM Power Train plant, are located here. Each of these facilities became major players in the production of the Corvair Power Train.

The original Chevrolet assembly plant, located in downtown Buffalo, became part of the Saginaw division of GM, by 1960, and built the axles, differential assemblies and manual transmissions.

The engine plant, which is located in the Buffalo suburb of Tonawanda, built all the Corvair engines. Tours of the engine and power train plants, as well as an evening discussion with retired GM line workers, will be events you won't want to miss.

Hosted by "The Four Clubs"—CORSA Ontario, the Association of Corvair Nuts, the Niagara Frontier Corvair Club, and the Central New York Corvair Club—the 2006 convention promises plenty of activities, sights, and fellowship for everyone.

The host hotel for the 2006 Convention is the Adam's Mark Buffalo Niagara Hotel, 120 Church Street, in Buffalo. Phone **800 444-2326** for reservations. The convention room rate is \$95 plus tax. Make your reservation early to ensure that you secure a room at the Adam's Mark.

The hotel is situated near the Lake Erie waterfront, in the renovated Buffalo harbor district. Just 25 minutes from Niagara Falls and 15 minutes away from the airport, the hotel sits in the downtown business

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ACC News Clips

Plans progressing for the April 28-30 *Jump, Jive, and Jam Fest* in Texarkana

Hopefully you read, in your October 2005 newsletter, about the Arkansas Corvair Club event scheduled for April 28-30 in Texarkana. Our club will be traveling to this Texas border city to participate in the 2006 Jump, Jive, and Jam Fest, sponsored by the Texarkana Regional Arts and Humanities Council (TRAHC).

Thanks to the good work of ACC member Dee Jones, plans are underway to identify a comfortable lodging place (motel) and to select restaurant options for weekend dining.

Dee has identified several excellent motels and we will publish our pick in an upcoming newsletter, probably in February.

The Jump, Jive, and Jam Fest weekend event replaces our past spring Corvair Conventions in Mountain View. We hope that ACC members in the southwest part of the state can attend.

Hoping to see you there. ■

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"Corvairs bring friends together."



Reflecting on the Corvair and Chevrolet lineup from 1965

Let Chevrolet put you in beautiful shape for '65

Advertising copy reprinted from *Mechanix Illustrated*, November, 1964

Now, a Chevrolet that makes everything over, under, and around you beautifully different. A completely new Corvair with its first big change in five years. A Chevelle that doesn't hold back on anything but cost. And a Chevy II that's turned into the most powerful tightwad in town!

For 1965, the big luxurious Chevrolet could almost get by on looks alone. But that's far from all that's new.

It's longer, lower, roomier, heavier, more luxurious than any Chevrolet before. Completely new from the sleek Impala Super Sport Coupe roof line all the way down to the Jet-smooth suspension.

More expensive looking outside, richer looking inside, more shoulder room, more leg room up front—all in all, we think it's the *best* Chevrolet we've ever built.



'65 Corvair

Corvair's rear engine has never had so much excitement to look forward to. Inside, there's more shoulder room. More comfort. The effortless handling only rear engine and new independent suspension can give.

All wrapped up in seven models, including the brandnew top-of-the-line Corsa.

New performance, too—up to 180 hp that you can order in the Corsa Series.

Wait till the ones who always wait till next year see this!

'65 Chevelle

There are enough changes in Chevelle to make it, too, feel like another whole new car from Chevrolet.

New ride, new style, and an engine that will make *you* feel young again—a 300 hp V8.

(Editor's Note: Abridged for space.)

ACC Dues Alert

In an effort to keep everyone informed about the status of your ACC membership dues, we publish a membership *Dues Alert* in every issue of *On the Air*.

The *Dues Alert* lists names of members who are past due and those due for the current month.

Dues are **\$20.00** for regular membership and **\$15.00** for associate members. Please mail payments to: **Arkansas Corvair Club, P.O. Box 627, Little Rock, AR 72203.**

Here are the names that are **past due** and due in **January**.

Past Due Joe Gregory
Bill MacSorley
Hank Wangle

Due Jan David Carter
Allan Embrey
Joe Espejo
Ken Franson
Elvis King
Stew MacLeod
Bob Piggot

Please disregard if you've already paid.
Thanks for your generous support. ■

Happy Birthday
to our ACC associates
born in February.

Bob Piggot
February 2

Dannie Vaughn
February 4

Elvis King
February 6 (65)

John Coffey
February 11

Gloria Eddy
February 12

Arkansas Corvair Club
February 20, 1988

Carol Snider
February 24

Happy Anniversary
to
Robert & Bobbie Brown
February 13

ACC November Meeting Minutes



JB King

The Arkansas Corvair Club met at Just Like Mom's restaurant, on Kiehl Avenue, in Sherwood, on Tuesday, November 15.

The meeting was called to order by president Cathy Smith.

Old Business

Stew and Ronnie MacLeod again will host our annual Holiday Open House and Potluck dinner at their home, on Saturday, January 7, at 6:00 p.m. As in previous years, you're

asked to bring your favorite potluck dish or dessert, and beverages other than soft drinks.

New Business

Cathy announced that our next regular Tuesday meeting will be on January 17, at Just Like Mom's restaurant, in Sherwood.

Tech Topics

Stew MacLeod showed a dummy clutch input shaft that was made by cutting down a transmission/differential input shaft. He described how to use the dummy clutch input shaft when aligning a new clutch disk and how it could be used to remove a pilot bushing. Stew offered an extra clutch input shaft that he brought to a grateful

fellow club member.

Keith LaCrosse showed examples of both early and late flywheels, including one rebuilt and bolted by Dale Manufacturing.

A valuable postage tip was shared concerning using a prepaid USPS shipping box that allows a heavy flywheel to be mailed for about seven dollars, thus easing one of the costly considerations when sending a flywheel to be bolted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JB King

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district. It's just a few minutes walk from the most picturesque waterfront locations, including a small boat harbor, gardens, a Naval park with three World War II vintage warships, a museum, and numerous outside displays. There are a variety of unique eating establishments within walking distance, ranging from fast food to local brew shops.

Hotel accommodations include a large, attached and covered two floor parking garage along with additional secure parking across the street. The attached convention areas feature a huge banquet area and an indoor mezzanine large enough to allow all the vendors to stretch their displays out as never before.

The Concourse and Car Display will be hosted in a waterfront park only a couple of miles drive away. The Rally and Economy Run will depart just a few miles south of the hotel and will take the participants along the lakeshore and through a rural area of western New York.

For questions about the 2006 Convention, contact Chuck Facklam by phone, **716 655-0508** (evening), or e-mail at cfacklam@adelphia.net. Also, visit the 2006 Convention Web site at - www.ShuffleOffToBuffaloNiagara.com.

If you've never visited Niagara Falls or northwestern New York, you may be pleasantly surprised by the geography and sights of this scenic region.

The diversity of planned convention attractions includes tours of world-renowned architecture, historic forts, the Erie Canal, and of course, Niagara Falls. For those ready to strike out on your own, there are numerous parks, lakeshore vineyards, and several world class casinos.

The Buffalo/Niagara region is surrounded by farmland that includes the foothills of the Allegany Mountains, two of the great lakes—Erie and Ontario—boasting spectacular shorelines and water sports galore.

As the seat of Erie County, Buffalo, sits at the eastern end of Lake Erie, as it narrows into the Niagara River. The city is the metropolis of a very large urban complex that includes the neighboring cities of Niagara Falls, North Tonawanda, Lockport, Lackawana, and Tonawanda.

As the terminus of the New York State Barge Canal, Buffalo is a major port of the St. Lawrence Seaway and a major rail center and highway crossroads handling large tonnages of grain, limestone, coal, iron ore, lumber petroleum and automobiles.

Also, Buffalo is the main U.S. gateway to the Toronto-Hamilton

industrial region of Ontario (Canada), processing a large percentage of U.S.-Canadian trade. The international Peace Bridge to Fort Erie (Ontario) opened in 1927 as a memorial to a period of 100 years of U.S.-Canadian peace.

Start planning now for a terrific time in Buffalo in July. ■



Renewed thanks to Stew and Ronnie MacLeod for hosting a terrific holiday party

As has become our tradition, again we extend our heartfelt thanks to Stew, Ronnie, and Ryan MacLeod for opening their home to us on Saturday, January 7, for our annual ACC Holiday Open House and Potluck meal.

This year's gathering found a few familiar faces missing, while affording delicious food, drink, and ample Corvair conversation.

The kindness that Stew and Ronnie extend, every year, establishes a hallmark of our Arkansas Corvair Club family. ■



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enjoyment, and preservation of the
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Arkansas Corvair Club Information

Meetings

The Arkansas Corvair Club (ACC) meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month at **Just Like Mom's** Home Cooking restaurant, 3140 E. Kiehl Ave., in Sherwood.

January Meeting

The ACC will meet Tuesday, **January 17**, 7:00 p.m., at Just Like Mom's, on Kiehl Ave., in Sherwood.

Join us at 6:00 p.m. for food and fellowship prior to the meeting. The club offers an array of merchandise for sale—oil filters, gas filters, hats, decals, patches, T-shirts and more.

Officers

President: Cathy Smith, 370 Windwood Drive, Cabot, AR 72023, 501 843-8413.

Vice-President: Meredith Chapman, P.O. Box 243, Jacksonville, AR 72078, 501 676-6693.

Treasurer: Elvis King, 21305 N. Mill Rd., Little Rock, AR 72206, 501 888-1224 (evening).

Secretary: JB King, 21305 N. Mill Rd., Little Rock AR, 72206, 501 888-1224 (evening).

Elected Board: Allan Embrey, 501 834-5373; Ronnie MacLeod, 821-3622; Clyde Jones, 479 774-6789; Bill Smith, 501 843-8413.

Appointed Board: Pending.

Committee Chairs

Membership: Elvis King

Publicity: Bill Smith

Newsletter Editor: Bill Smith, 370 Windwood Drive, Cabot, AR 72023, 501 843-8413.

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Non-members and businesses:
\$100/year full page; \$60-½ page;
\$35-¼ page.

Program & Events: Open

ACC Webmaster: Ken Franson, 608 Ridgelea Ave., Sherwood, AR 72120, 501 835-6005.

Web Address

Arkansas Corvair Club Web site:
<http://corvair5.tripod.com/acc.htm>

ACC Mission: The mission of the Arkansas Corvair Club (ACC) is to promote the maintenance, enjoyment, and preservation of all types of Corvairs and related vehicles, and to advance and improve driving skills, automobile safety, and the Corvair's image.